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MEMO FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: TOM LATIMER



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Message from King Husayn

Set forth below is a message to you from King Husayn:

"Dear Dr. Kissinger:

"I wish to thank you for your message of March 8th, 1973. The assurances you gave in that message confirm my strong conviction that as a result of our mutual cooperation we will achieve our common objectives of peace and stability in this part of the world. I look forward to receiving your thoughts and advice as to our future steps in this regard.

"On the subject of the United States' assistance to our budget, I have tried, as we had agreed in Washington, to solicit Saudi help to cover a part of the sixty-five million dollars. I sent my Prime Minister and the Minister of the Royal Court to Saudi Arabia for this purpose. They had extensive discussions with King Faisal and all the high ranking Saudi officials. But I regret to inform you that we were unsuccessful in our efforts and could not get the Saudis to understand or appreciate the urgency of our needs. I realize that this places an additional burden on the Administration, since we now have to request from you the total amount of sixty-five million dollars for calendar year 1973, with a part of it coming before July 1973.

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"I would like you and, through you, the President to know how much I, my government, our armed forces and people

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appreciate all that you are doing for us. I wish to assure you that this valuable and timely help will make Jordan stronger so that it can play its role in this area and rise up to the challenges of peace, stability and moderation which are our common goals.

"With my best personal regards and warm wishes,

"Your friend,

"Husayn

"Amman

"March 18, 1973"

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